

REMARKS

Claims 23-34 are pending in this application. The claims have been numbered as claims 23-34 as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.177 (b). No new matter is introduced. Support for each claim is provided in the listing below. Reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Please cancel claims 1-22 filed in original U.S. Patent No. 5,830,529 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter. Also, without prejudice or disclaimer, please cancel claims numbered 36-46 and 48 which were filed with the present application on November 24, 2003.

The specification has been amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.177 (a) and MPEP § 1451 to identify each of the reissue applications and the relationship with other applications.

Support for new claims 23-34 is found as follows, with reference to the original U.S. patent no. 5,830,529:

Claim 23 (pending) support appears at Figs. 26, 31A and 31B, and col. 49, line 26 to col. 50, line 12.

Claim 24 (pending) support appears at Fig. 26, and col. 49, lines 24-36 and lines 55 to 65.

Claim 25 (pending) support appears at Figs. 26, 31A and 31B, and col. 13, lines 50 to 55 and col. 49, lines 31 to 46.

Claim 26 (pending) support appears at Fig. 26, and col. 49, lines 38 to 39 and col. 50, lines 6 to 12.

Claim 27 (pending) support appears at Fig. 26, and col. 49, lines 46-53.

Claim 28 (pending) support appears at Fig. 26, and col. 49, line 46 to col. 50, line 6.

Claim 29 (pending) is supported as follows: (i) is supported by Figs. 24F, 25B, 26, 42A, and col. 21 lines 64 to 66, (ii) is supported by col. 67, line 36, (iii) and (iv) are supported by col. 35, line 4, (v) is supported by Fig. 49A and col. 18, line 6, (vi) is supported by Figs. 5A-5B, (vii) is supported by Fig. 43E, (viii) is supported by col. 1, lines 42-43, and col. 18, line 11, (ix) is

supported by col. 1, line 24 and (x) is supported by col. 24, line 64; and claim 29 is generally supported by col. 49, line 38 to col. 50, line 12.

Claim 30 (pending) support appears at Figs. 30A and 30B, and col. 53, lines 22 to 65.

Claim 31 (pending) support appears at Figs. 29A, 29B, 30A and 30B, and col. 52, lines 1 to 15 and col. 53, lines 22 to 65.

Claim 32 (pending) support appears at Figs. 30A and 30B, and col. 53, lines 22 to 53.

Claim 33 (pending) support appears at Figs. 30A and 30B, and col. 53, lines 46 to 58.

Claim 34 (pending) support appears at Figs. 29A, 29B, 30A and 30B, and col. 52, lines 1 to 15 and col. 53, lines 14 to 65.

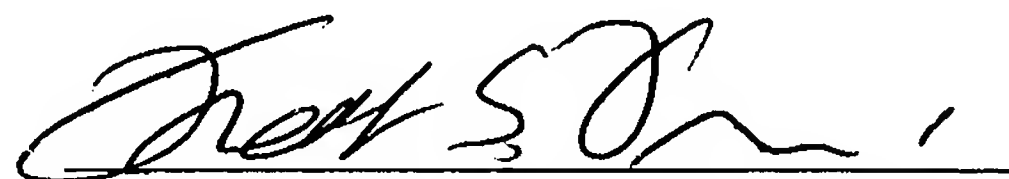
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desired in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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